

### Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**) A battery unit comprising:

a plurality of battery cells each having a pair of lead plates;  
a holding plate on which said plurality of battery cells are attached ~~fixed~~; and  
a common circuit board which is separate from said holding plate,  
wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are connected to said  
common circuit board.

Claims 2 - 6 (**Canceled**)

Claim 7 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of  
lead plates lead in parallel out from a plane along a bottom surface of said plurality of battery  
cells.

Claim 8 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of  
battery cells are thin battery cells.

Claims 9 – 11 (**Canceled**)

Claim 12 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of  
lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are arranged alternatively as positive lead plates and  
negative lead plates.

Claims 13 – 26 (**Canceled**)